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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 28, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of one month to and including November 28, 2003 in which to respond to the Office Action dated July 28, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of **\$110.00** to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11362.0031.00US00 for a one-month extension of time. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason

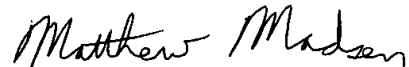
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relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from
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